



# Bloomfield Collegiate News

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Thursday  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday 2nd April

Half Term Holiday

Mock Examinations – Years 11-14

UCAS Convention – Year 13

Healthy Happy Teens programme – 6.30pm

GCSE PE moderation day

## Library

Please note that for the week beginning 24th February the library is being used as an exam room and so is unavailable as a study area.

## Cold Weather - Uniform

Please be mindful that pupils should **always** wear blazers to and from school. They are an obligatory part of school uniform. On very cold/snow days, **school issue** hoodies may be worn **under** blazers, not instead of blazers. Only **school scarves** may be worn. Regulation green school coats are available from suppliers, and you will know that we are now supplying our own puffa jacket, which may be worn to and from school and at school events.

## ParentPay app

All parents received details of our new ParentPay app by post. This is now live, and all features now working. You can add money to the cashless system directly, although the cash machines will also remain in place should they be needed. Going forward, we will be using this system to pay for school fees, trips etc. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Craig in the Finance Office (Monday-Thursday) should you need assistance or advice.

## Valuables

We are concerned that our pupils often leave their bags unattended at break and lunch. This can mean that bags can be taken by mistake, or knocked over. Please remind your daughter that valuable belongings and large sums of money should not be brought to school. If she must bring them, she has a locker where she should store a phone, purse etc. She should never share the key/combination to that locker, nor should she store her belongings in an unlocked locker. We will also happily store valuables at reception. Related to this message, if your daughter has brought home a pink unicorn purse which you do not recognise as hers, please contact school directly.

## Ski Trip 2020

The details for this year's Ski Trip to Italy are attached. Please note that this trip is open to pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 13.

## Mock EU Council Debate at Belfast's City Hall



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, three of our Year 14 English Literature students represented Bulgaria at City Hall in two Mock EU Council debates on climate change and the regulation of social media.

Holly Fisher, Sophie Meeke and Charlotte Quigley did the school proud and had a tour of City Hall afterwards.

These events give our students an insight into how negotiations are made and policies drawn up between countries as well as furthering their confidence in presenting and debating, essential skills as they move on to university and their future careers.

Well done, ladies!

## Drifted Sweep-up the Belfast Area Awards



Yet again our Young Enterprise company have come up Trumps in the Belfast area YE Trade Fair, held in Castle Court last week.

Our girls were runners-up in learning and development, runners-up in innovation, best digital presence, most innovative product and best overall company! Well done, and good luck in the Regional Finals!

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